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WELCOME REMARKS PREPARED FOR HIS EXCELLENCY C. CECIL DENNIS, JR., MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF LIBERIA ON THE ARRIVAL OF HIS EXCELLENCY DR. HENRY HWSSINGER, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND PARTY AT ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, LIBERIA, APRIL 30, 1976:
MR. SECRETARY: "ON BEHALF OF THE LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE, WE WELCOME YOU AND MEMBERS OF YOUR PARTY TO LIBERIA. YOU HAVE COME TO AFRICA AT A CRUCIAL TIME IN THE AADVANCEMENT OF THE STRUGGLE FOR THE TOTAL LIBERATION OF THIS CONTINENT FROM COLONIALISM, APARTHEID, RACIST MINORITY RULE AND ALL FORMS OF OPRESSION. YOU HAVE COME WHEN THE PEOPLES OF AFRICA, MORE THAN EVER BEFORE, ARE DETERMINED TO ACHIEVE ECONOMIC EMANCIPATION
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AND ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF A SELF-FULFILLING LIFE.

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AS WE HAVE ALREADY OBSERVED FROM YOUR VISITS TO KENYA, TANZANIA, ZAMBIA, AND ZAIRE AND THE STATTMENTS YOU HAVE MADE IN THOSE COUNTRIES, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE UNITED STATES IS ENDEAVORING TO SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RELATE IN A MORE POSITIVE WAY TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLES.

WE COMMEND YOU, MR. SECRETARY, FOR THE FAR-REACHING STATEMENT YOU MADE IN LUSAKA WHEN YOU OUTLINED VERY EXTENSIVELY THE THRUST OF THE UNITED STATES POLICY IN SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA. WE ARE PARTICULARLY HEARTENED BY YOUR REMARKS REGARDING THE UNITED STATES POSITION ON MAJORITY RULE AND POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE FOR ZIMBABWE. WE JOIN YOU IN EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT ALL FORCES FOR JUSTICE, PEACE AND PROGRESS WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN THEIR SUPPORT OF THESE LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS.

IF, WHEN YOUR VISIT TO AFRICA SHALL HAVE ENDED, AND AN OBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT MADE, IT CAN BE CONCLUDED THAT YOU DID SUCCEED IN BUILDING BRIDGES OF GREATER UNDERSTANDING - GENERATING MORE GENUINE CONCERN AND INTENSIVE SYMPATHY ON THE PART OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR AFRICAN ASPIRATIONS, LEADING TO A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL INTERACTION BETWEEN THE GREAT IDEALS OF THE AMERICAN DREAM AND THOSE OF AN AFRICA IN THE PROCESS OF REJUVENATION - THEN YOU WOULD HAVE MADE MEANINGFUL STRIDES IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLES OF AFRICA.

WE IN LIBERIA ARE PARTICULARLY HAPPY TO WELCOME YOU ON OUR SOIL. AND THIS IS SO BECAUSE OF THE SPECIAL CHARACTER OF THE RELATION-SHIP WHICH HISTORY HAS ORDAINED FOR THE LIBERIAN AND AMERICAN PEOPLES.

WE SHOULD NOT LOSE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WORK TOWARDS ADDING NEWER DIMENSIONS TO THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WHICH INDEED EXISTS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES.

WE HOPE YOU WILL FIND YOUR BRIEF STAY WITH US MOST ENJOYABLE, FRUITFUL, AND REWARDING."
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